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742 Apart from the penicillin plant, other big items in the UNRRA medical programme include electrocardiographs, X-ray machines and film, and artificial limb manufacturing equipment. Drug requirements have involved the procurement of quinine and, as a substitute, atabrine. By the end of January 1947, slightly less than one metric ton of atabrine had been shipped.

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648 Not the least of UNRRA's contribution to Byelorussian health has been the soap supplies furnished. In 1946 the only soap available in the hospitals and sanatoria (and this means generally the only soap available anywhere), came from UNRRA sources. This was also true of a large part of the diet of patients, which came from UNRRA food supplies; and of blankets and bedding, which were distributed to hospitals and children's homes.

Still among the urgent requirements in Byelorussian hospitals are beds and bedding, laboratory equipment - including more X-ray machines, microscopes, stains and media, drugs, and lamps - furniture, kitchen equipment, food, and soap.

Agricultural Rehabilitation Supplies

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241 UNRRA agricultural rehabilitation supplies began to arrive in the B.S.S.R. in February 1946 and consisted almost entirely of seeds. At the end of July the Byelorussian Government acknowledged receipt of 5,300 tons of vegetable and other seeds, which were estimated to be sufficient for planting from half a million to 600,000 hectares; and since favourable weather permitted late sowing, less than a thousand tons had to be held over for use in 1947. On all the farms visited by the UNRRA Mission to Byelorussia, the vegetable, clover, vetch, timothy and other grass crops had been started from UNRRA seed.

Besides seeds - an important contribution toward increased food supplies - UNRRA has shipped fishing equipment, food processing equipment, and farm machinery - chiefly tractors. Deliveries of the latter, however, were heartbreakingly slow; and it was only in December 1946 that the first 221 UNRRA tractors arrived. The difficulty of procuring tractors has been one of the greatest obstacles to farm recovery in Byelorussia. The Mission estimated that had UNRRA tractors been available before August 1946, grain cultivation and production would have increased by 500 hectares and 500 tons for each tractor delivered.

Altogether, UNRRA plans to furnish over 800 tractors to the B.S.S.R.

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Industrial Rehabilitation Supplies

Shipments of industrial supplies up to January 31, 1947, amounted to 14,495 gross long tons valued at 10,081,000 dollars. Largest items were public utilities equipment (power generators, pipe for gas and water mains, etc.) and raw materials, chemicals and engineering stores. The following table shows the shipments by value as well as by tonnage.